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To whom it may concern,

Following September 11th I have pondered much over my status as an American Citizen. For the sake of brevity, allow me to state that there are many aspects of this country that I truly love, but also many that I find inappropriate. This settlement is one of them.

It is repulsive to me that a company, by using backhanded and even immoral means, should be allowed to continue without so much as a slap on the wrist.

If justice here fails, then we shall only prove that money buys everything; even justice, and our ideals of truth and freedom are compromised. I for one do not wish to live in the United States of Microsoft, or the United States of any other megacorporation.

The real trial isn't about a browser, or an oversized, gargantuan company. The real trial is about the freedom to innovate and freedom from control. If innovators are restricted to what Microsoft dictates, then we shall have no real innovation.

It is my hope that there are better, stronger things in this world than greed. I have seen that in the open source movement, and such things bring peace to my heart. Please don't let greed be rewarded any longer, and let justice be served as it should be: with an open, objective mind and not wallet.

Sincerely,
Jeff Quinn

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